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Flower Baskets Decorate Canal Winchester

CANAL WINCHESTER –Approximately 130 hanging flower baskets now line the streets of Canal Winchester. The 14 inch baskets, which will remain up until after Labor Day, can be found on Waterloo Street between Pfeifer Drive and Trine Street and on High Street between Columbus Street and the railroad. There are also hanging baskets in other key areas throughout the village as well as nearly two dozen standing containers that have been elevated off the ground.

"Having hanging flower baskets along the streets has been a long standing tradition in the village that we continue to carry out because of its aesthetic beauty," said Dick Miller, Urban Forester for the Village of Canal Winchester. "We spend approximately 30 man hours per week maintaining the baskets but it is well worth the work when you see the final product."

If you've ever wondered how the village keeps all of its flower baskets in such great condition, the secret is now out. Ingredients and instructions on how the village puts together and maintains each hanging basket follows:

- 14 inch compressed peat basket with four wire hangers
- Professional mix potting soil
- One pint composted cow manure
- One teaspoon soil moist wetting gel
- One tablespoon osmocote time release fertilizer
- Two wave petunias and either one lantana or one angel-wing begonia
- Water soluble fertilizer as directed on packaging
- Leaf infusion twice monthly (any dilution)

The village uses a hanging luggage scale to weigh hanging flower baskets and waters them when they weigh less than 28 pounds. All items for the baskets were purchased at Dills Greenhouse. Floral arrangements for this year were designed by Master Gardener Carol Note of the Street Tree Advisory Board. If you have questions or would like more information about the flower baskets, you may contact the village's Urban Forester at (614) 834-5100.

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